

CITY OF DELTA, UTAH
Delta City Municipal Shooting Range Advisory Board
May 1, 2013

PRESENT

Rick Nielson	Chairman
Todd Anderson	City Attorney
Frank Fife	Board Member
Bill Keel	Board Member
Joshua Painter	Board Member
John Niles	City Council Representative

ABSENT

Steven Broderick	Board Member
Kenneth Clark	City Representative

Chairman Nielson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. He stated that notice of the meeting time, place and agenda had been posted at the City Building and had been provided to the Millard County Chronicle-Progress, posted on the Utah State Public Notice website, posted on the Delta City website and provided to each member of the Library Advisory Board at least two days prior to the meeting.

MINUTES

WHITE RIVER ACADEMY PROJECT

Chairman Nielson asked for an update on the River Bank Benching Project. The board had a discussion on the project with updates regarding the help that Delta city would be providing. It was clarified that the project would not begin in the near future due to raising of funds. Chairman Nielson brought up a community concern regarding the availability of the range and the timing of projects that would limit use.

ELECTION OF A BOARD MEMBER TO HEAD PROJECTS

Chairman Nielson asked for a volunteer to be a contact for projects. Board member Keel agreed to take the position. There was a brief discussion on how the projects would come before the board. There was a discussion regarding reservation of the range.

MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

Chairman Nielson asked for a discussion regarding maintenance of the shooting range and future projects regarding this. Snow removal and mud was discussed with a suggestion of gravel in the pistol area. It was mentioned that the berm needed to be redone. The problems in doing this were pointed out by Chairman Nielson. He said that the walls needed to be moved back as well as the berm, but that there were drainage issues to be looked at. The next improvement discussed was extending the pistol range that could also be used for Hunter's Safety and perhaps archery. There was a comment made regarding a separation between rifle shooters and pistol shooters. One suggestion was to use cinderblock as a divider. But the strength of the wall was an issue that was then brought up by Chairman Nielson. He also brought up the fact that destruction of any such wall was probable. The fence was discussed as a maintenance item. Chairman Nielson pointed out that it was sharp and dangerous as is. He also said that he would like to see it upgraded with a ramp for accessibility for the handicapped.

Chairman Nielson asked if anyone knew where the board could get railroad ties. There was a discussion on this and possibility of ricocheting. Safety issues were discussed and someone mentioned that they would research other ranges and see how they handle some of their safety issues. It was decided to try to get some lime chips hauled out to the range. Chairman Nielson summarized the need for dirt work, retaining wall and fence repair. Chairman Nielson asked for ideas for improvements. He gave a little history regarding the range and what the holes built in there are for. Someone asked about a table for gear, but it was pointed out it would get destroyed or stolen. It was suggest that the gates needed improving. A discussion on durable gates ensued. They discussed adding a few more stands to the range so they could shoot to the north. The board discussed using old tires for targets and the safety involved in this as an affordable means of replacing targets. Chairman Nielson stated he would want to try it first before making that decision. The idea of a steel shade over the benches was discussed, and also improvements on the existing shelter and benches. There was a discussion about putting on a shooting event with prizes, sponsorships, etc. Chairman Niles said that he had a question regarding where people are supposed to shoot clay pigeons. He said that he thought they were supposed to shoot over against the hill by the rifle range and shoot northeast. He had run into some folks that were shooting over the river because an officer had told them not to shoot where there had been at the range. Chairman Nielson asked for a discussion on the drainage issue. The suggestion was made to ask the City what could be done on this issue as they had more experience in this area. It was suggested that the steps to the rifle range with tires, dirt and gravel be put in soon. A board member asked about getting a porta-potty for the range and it was briefly discussed. Chairman Nielson said that the sheriff wanted to build an equipment shed/shack out there for targets and such, but as with a porta-potty, it was put aside because of the fear of destruction.

SHOOTING RULES AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

It was suggested by a board member that they could all come up with a list of rules to bring to the next meeting for discussion. Todd Anderson stated that these rules should not be rushed into because of the cost of the sign, and that they may be taken to the county to work into an ordinance so that they may have some kind of penalty for abuse. Chairman Nielson mentioned some of the problems that are encountered at the range. Shooting of the benches, and the fences and everything else that should not be shot is a problem. Also shooting at targets that should not be used is a problem as it tears up the wood and the steel behind it. Chairman Nielson questions that if every rule ought to be an ordinance. It was decided by the board that they all would bring in a list of five basic rules that could cover the problems that are happening to the next board meeting. Chairman Nielson said that Greg Schafer had asked him to give a little history of the shooting range to put on the City Web Site. Another suggestion was made to put an article in the paper to show the worth of this range. But it was agreed upon to wait until the rules had been made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no matters of unfinished business on the agenda.

Chairman Nielson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.


RICK NIELSON, Chairman


GREGORY JAY SCHAFFER, MMC, Recorder